



WORKER CRUSHED!

CAUGHT BETWEEN DIE PLATES WHILE REPAIRING INJECTION MOLDING MACHINE

A 47-year-old mechanic, Frank M., died when he stood between the die plates of an injection molding machine to perform repairs. A supervisor closed a safety door which allowed the machine to run before Frank had a chance to get out.*

WHAT WENT WRONG?

The machine was not shut off before the repair.

The die plates were able to move.

Frank was standing between the die plates.

The supervisor shut the safety door with Frank inside.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

Always lockout and tagout machines before repair.

Use blocks or "dogs" to keep machine parts from moving.

Use long-handled tools to stay out of pinch points.

Make sure safety doors stay open during repairs.

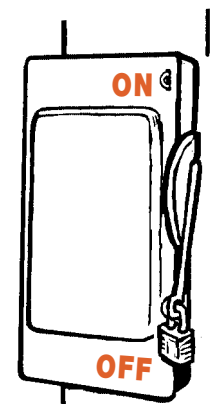
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* Not the victim's real name.

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